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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7838; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land Adjacent to Jewel Cave National Monument; South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 2,387.22 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a period of 20 years on behalf of the United States Forest Service to protect the unique cave resources in the area adjacent to the Jewel Cave National Monument.

DATES: Effective Date: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Forest Service is managing the land to protect the significant cave ecosystems located within the Black Hills National Forest adjacent to Jewel Cave National Monument.

### ORDER

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the unique cave resources in the land adjacent to Jewel Cave National Monument:

Black Hills National Forest

Black Hills Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 2 E.,

sec. 34, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 4 S., R. 2 E.,

sec. 2, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  excluding that portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  east of U.S. Highway 16, and those portions of lot 3, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  west of U.S. Highway 16;

sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

sec. 11, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

sec. 12, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.,

sec. 6, lots 6 and 7, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 7, lots 1 and 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 2,387.22 acres in Custer County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of the public land laws other than the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: August 8, 2015.

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